

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA**

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CONSTRUCTION OF SPORTS COMPLEXES IN NER
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of financial assistance granted to the North Eastern Region during the last three years for construction of New Sports Complexes ;
- (b) the details of Sports Complexes constructed in the Region particularly in Arunachal Pradesh during the last three years ;
- (c) the details of Sports Complexes proposed to be constructed in the Region especially in Arunachal Pradesh during the year 2006-07 alongwith the funds likely to be allocated in this regard ;
- (d) the specific policy formulated and implemented in the Region to promote sports among the youth ;
- (e) the sports/games for which emphasis is given in the Region ;
- (f) whether any Sports Academies are currently functioning in the Region ;
- (g) if so, the details thereof, State-wise ; and
- (h) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ AND YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (c) : Till 31.3.2005 , the Ministry was supplementing the efforts of the State Government in this direction by providing Central assistance under the Centrally Sponsored Sports Infrastructure Schemes in accordance with the approved pattern subject to the receipt of viable proposals from the State Governments including those from the North Eastern States. Government decided to transfer the Sports Infrastructure Schemes to the State sector w.e.f. 1.4.2005 . Thus, fresh cases of Sports Infrastructure projects including sports complexes in Arunachal Pradesh will have to be funded by State Governments out of their own resources. However, the Planning Commission has indicated that funds to the extent of committed liabilities will be provided for ongoing approved Sports Infrastructure projects during the remaining period of the X Plan.

No sports complexes of North Eastern Region have been completed during the last 3 years i.e. 2003-04 to 2005-06. However, the details of Sports complexes of North Eastern States including Arunachal Pradesh with Central assistance approved during this period and are under various stages of constructions have been given in the Annex.

(d) & (e) : 'Sports' is a State subject and promotion of Sports among the youth in the States including North Eastern Region is the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Government of India implements the following schemes through Sports Authority of India for promotion of sports:

1. All India Rural Sports Tournament
2. National Sports Festival for Women
3. North East Sports Festival (North Eastern States only)
4. Promotion of Sports & Games in Schools
5. Sports Scholarship Scheme.

Sports Authority of India (SAI) through their schemes viz; National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC), Indigenous Games & Martial Arts, Army Boys Sports Company

(ABSC), Special Area Games (SAG), SAI Training Centre (STC), Centre of Excellence (COX) augments the efforts of the State Government including North Eastern Region in promotion of sports for improving sports performances at Junior, Sub- Junior and Senior level.

SAI has taken initiatives for promotion of sports in the North Eastern Region by establishing a Regional Centre at Imphal and a Sub-Centre at Guwahati. Taking into consideration the genetic advantage of the population, contact Sports Centres have been established in Imphal and Aizwal for games like Judo, Boxing, Wrestling, Weightlifting, Karate and Taekwando. Talent is also scouted in Archery from these States and talented youngsters are trained for excellence.

(f) to (h): No Sports Academies of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports are functioning in the North Eastern Region . Till date, viable proposals have not been received from the State Governments of NER for setting up of sports Academies.